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SUBJECT:OPRED - PROPOSED INCREASE IN DEA STAFFING FOR FY 75

1. RECENT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE PROMPTED THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) TO REVISE THE OVERSEAS STAFFING PLAN IT HAD PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED FOR FY 1975. THIS REVISION CONTAINS THE BELOW PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE BEIRUT OFFICE:

--INCREASE OF ONE PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL POSITION FOR A NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. APPROVAL OF THIS ADDITIONAL POSITION WOULD RAISE THE AUTHORIZED DEA AMERICAN COMPLEMENT IN LEBANON TO SIX (4 AGENTS, 1 PROF/TECH INTELLIGENCE, 1 CLERK)--

2. FOLLOWING JUSTIFICATION ACCOMPANIES DEA REQUEST FOR THE ADDITIONAL POSITION. QUOTE:

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LEBANON IS THE POINT OF ORIGIN FOR HIGH-GRADE HEROIN

SMUGGLED INTO THE U.S. IN INCREASING QUANTITIES AND BY A VARIETY OF ROUTES. IT IS ALSO THE SOURCE OF HASHISH PREFERRERD BY WESTERN EUROPEAN USERS AND AVAILABLE IN ALMOST UNLIMITED QUANTITIES TO U.S. SERVICEMEN IN WEST GERMANY. IN ADDITION, THE COUNTRY IS TRANSITED BY HUNDRED-KILO

ILLICIT SHIPMENTS OF TURKISH OPIUM ON ITS WAY TO EGYPT. INFORMATION ON THE VOLUME OF THIS FLOW WOULD ENABLE BETTER ESTIMATES OF THE CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF TURKISH OPIUM. SUCH INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION WOULD ALSO PROVIDE PRIOR INDICATIONS OF IMPENDING SHIFTS IN THE PRESENT PATTERN OF DISTRIBUTION OF ILLICIT TURKISH-ORIGIN OPIATES, WORLD-WIDE. LEBANON IS THE POINT OF ACCESS TO THE ARAB WORLD AND NARCOTIC TRAFFICKING INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM NEIGHBORING SYRIA, JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA, ETC.

A NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN LEBANON WOULD:

A. COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCTION AND IN-COUNTRY DISTRIBUTION OF LEBANESE HEROIN.

B. COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING OF LEBANESE HEROIN TO INCLUDE ROUTES, MODES OF TRANSPORT, PRICE CHANGES AND TRAFFICKING GROUPS OPERATING OUTSIDE LEBANON.

C. COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF OPIATES USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF LEBANESE HEROIN.

D. CONDUCT BILATERAL NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION WITH LEBANESE AND NARCOTICS AUTHORITIES OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

E. DEBRIEF INFORMATION SOURCES KNOWLEDGEABLE OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN LEBANON AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

F. MAINTAIN AND ANALYZE OPERATIONAL NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE FILES OF THE DEA BEIRUT DISTRICT OFFICE.
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G. CONDUCT INTELLIGENCE LIAISON WITH HOST GOVERNMENT NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS. END QUOTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. WOULD APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS ON DEA PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON MISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES AND ANTICIPATED REACTION OF HOST GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER

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